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The Humble ADDRESS OF THE ARCH-BISHOP,

Preſident of the Convocation of the Province of *CANTERBURY*;

AND OF THE

Biſhops and Clergy of the ſame Province,

In CONVOCATION Aſſembled;

PRESENTED TO

HIS MAJESTY

At St. *JAMES*'s,

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Together with

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To the Kings moſt Excellent Majeſty,

The Humble ADDRESS of the Arch-Biſhop, Biſhops, and Clergy, of the Province of *Canterbury*, in Convocation Aſſembled.

May it pleaſe Your Majeſty:

WE Your Majeſties moſt Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, the Arch-Biſhop, Biſhops, and Clergy, of the Province of *Canterbury*, in Convocation Aſſembled, do moſt heartily Congratulate Your Majeſty upon Your Safe Return to Your Kingdom; and with all humility Acknowledge the Senſe we have of that Quiet and Tranquillity which we Enjoy'd, during Your Abſence, by the Prudent Care and Adminiſtration of His Royal Highneſs the Prince of *Wales*, under Your Majeſty; and who, next to Your Sacred Majeſty, is the greateſt Hope and Support of our Church and Realm.

It is with unſpeakable Grief that we hear of a New Deſign, form'd by a reſtleſs and implacable Party among us, againſt Your Majeſties Perſon and Government; and to ſubvert both the Religion, and Liberties, of our Country. Your Majeſty had good Reaſon to hope, what we all were willing to believe, that the ill Succeſs of their late Rebellion, would, if not have brought them to a Senſe of their Duty, yet at leaſt have deter'd them from venturing ſo ſoon upon another Attempt, in open Violation of it. But ſince they have preſum'd again to endeavour to Diſturb the Repoſe of Your Majeſty, and Your Kingdoms, by a New, and more Deſperate, Deſign againſt both: Since not Content to Involve us, as before, in an Inteſtine War, they have animated and ſtir'd up a Foreign Power to invade Your Dominions, and to ruine the Flouriſhing Eſtate of their own Native Country: We eſteem it our Duty again to declare our Abhorrence of their Proceedings; And to aſſure Your Majeſty, that we will make it our Endeavours, in our ſeveral Places, to raiſe in the Minds of all Your People a

juſt Senſe of the Danger, and a Deteſtation of the Wickedneſs of their Enterprize: That we will exhort them, (as they are both in Duty and Intereſt obliged) to maintain Your Majeſties Rightful, and Lawful, Authority over us; and to exert their utmoſt Force and Power to Suppreſs any future Rebellion that may happen to be rais'd among us, and to Support the Happy Settlement of the Crown in Your Royal Family, as the beſt and ſureſt Means to Secure the Religion, Laws, and Liberties, of our Country.

We have ſeen in the late Declarations of ſome of theſe Men, who nevertheleſs call themſelves by the Name of Proteſtants, what we muſt look for ſhould a Popiſh Prince ever ſit upon the Throne of theſe Kingdoms. Whilſt they allow us no better a Character than that of Schiſmaticks, and Hereticks; of Men Cut off from the Communion of Chriſts Church, and all the Hopes of Salvation; What can be expected from profeſs'd Papiſts, who Account no better of them (however they may flatter themſelves) than they do of us; but that both They, and We, ſhall be utterly deſtroy'd by Them.

To you therefore, Great Sir, under God, we flee for Succour and Support. Our Safety is bound up in Yours. While You ſit Secure upon Your Throne, the Church of *England* can never want a Powerful and Ready Defender. And therefore for our Own, our Countries, and our Religions ſake, we muſt never ceaſe to implore the Divine Protection over You: That God would effectually give You the Hearts of Your Subjects, and Defeat the Deſigns of Your Enemies; and continue the Crown of this Proteſtant Realm, in Your Proteſtant Family, till time ſhall be no more.

His MAJESTIES moſt Gracious ANSWER.

My LORDS, and the reſt of the Clergy,

I Thank you very kindly for this Dutiful and Affectionate Addreſs.

I promiſe My Self, that you will make it your Care to give all under your Charge, the ſame Senſe of their Duty, which you your ſelves have ſo fully Expreſſed.

And as I hope, by the Bleſſing of God, to defeat the Deſigns of Our Enemies; So you may depend that the Church of ENGLAND *ſhall always have My Favour, and Protection.*

FINIS.